# AT&T Speech Technologies and Applications

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# **Evolution of Communications Services**

- Limited access
- Limited communication devices; personalize services
- People intense services
- User Experience was natural

- Unlimited access
- Limited devices; generic svcs
- Start of automation
- User experience was unnatura





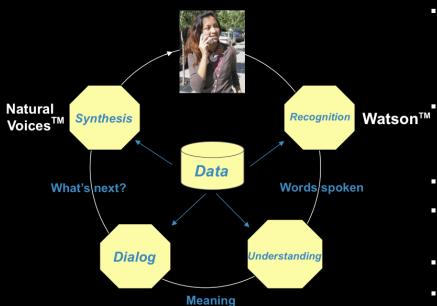


1900 Voice 1970 Touch Tone / DialTone "2009" Multimodal / Data



# **AT&T Speech Technologies and Services**

- AT&T Speech Technologies have been successfully deployed for 25 years
- Hundreds of voice-enabled applications deployed
- Deployed the industry's first nationwide voice-enabled service saving AT&T > \$3B
- Deployed the industry's first natural language understanding based service (AT&T VoiceTone®)



- AT&T is recognized worldwide for its pioneering research in speech recognition (Watson), text-tospeech synthesis (Natural Voices), natural language understanding, machine learning, speaker verification
  - **Invented speaker independent ASR**, word spotting, barge-in, spoken natural language understanding, first 1M word speech recognizer
- Co-created Voice XML standard for IVR services
- Over 1M hours of research investment over three decades
- Nat'l Academy of Sciences members, IEEE Fellows
- 400+ US Patents Issued; 4000+ published papers
- AT&T's Research innovations are used in most commercial speech products and services





# **Key Opportunities for Speech Technologies**

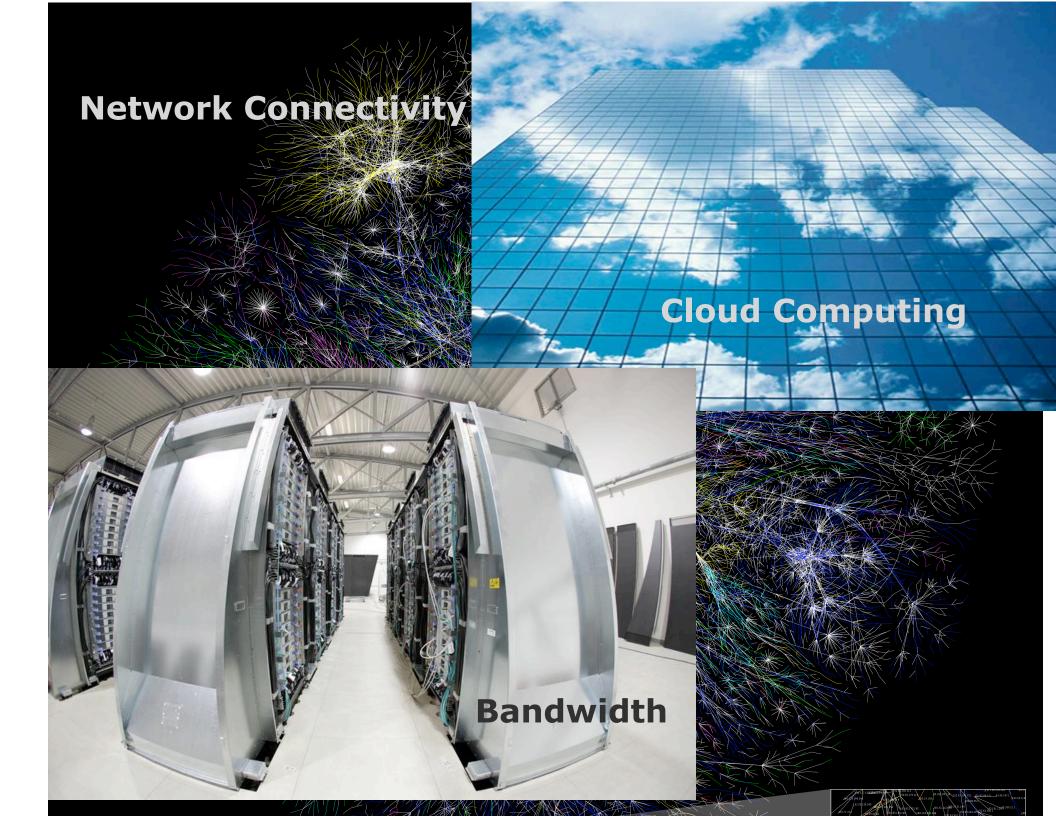
- Increased service quality Easier access to information & services: education, government services, healthcare
- Increased access to information Better accessibility to information & services for disabled and elderly populations
- Cost savings drive more efficiency in healthcare and government services
- Security increase security for people and property; secure access to information and services
- Safety safe mobile environment; hands busy eyes busy









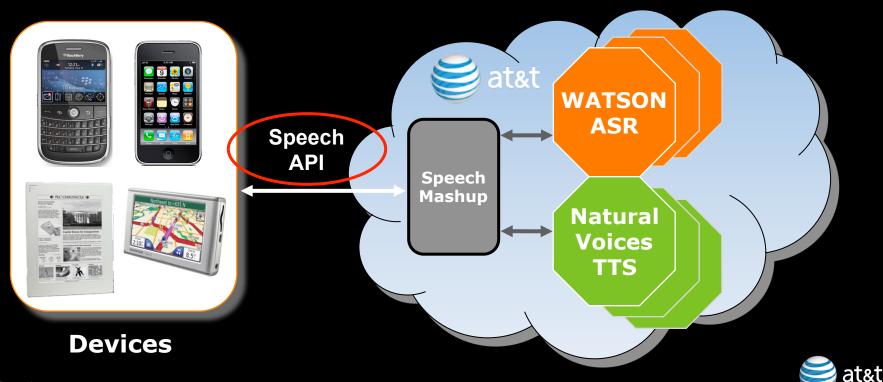


# "Driving" Innovation: Speech in the Cloud

# **Grow development ecosystem; Enable easy creation of Multimodal Services**

**Enable Best in Breed:** Provide speech technologies and APIs, thus reducing high barrier-of-entry for 3<sup>rd</sup> party developer ecosystem and enabling a new generation of service innovators

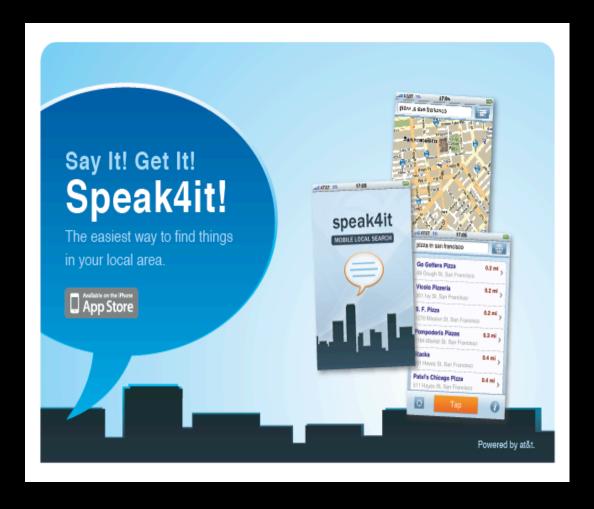
Benefit from Best in Breed Service Innovators: Many new services, many new vendors, increase customer base, new business models



# "Opportunities"



# **Speak4it – Information Search**





## Healthcare and Speech Technologies (1/2)

#### Challenge

#### **Technology**

#### **Benefit**



Senior physicians poorly equipped for electronic medical records

Large-vocabulary
speech recognition
for dictation and
search of medical
information

Better adoption of electronic medical records by key senior doctors



Poor patient compliance leads to avoidable, expensive interventions

Spoken dialog system calls patients to confirm meds taken; alerts doctors to irregular monitor readings Healthier patients; alerts doctors to problems earlier





## **Healthcare and Speech Technologies (2/2)**

#### Challenge

#### **Technology**

#### **Benefit**



Poor access to care for patients with limited English abilities

Automatic translation for patient-doctor interaction

Better patient communication; lower interpretation costs



HIPAA: enable trusted but efficient access to records

Voice biometrics to authenticate patients and providers

Multi-factor verification for increased security; obviates need for passwords which can be lost or stolen



# **SmarTV - Language Translation**





# **Mobile Devices – Anytime, Anywhere Access**





## **Assistive Services and Speech Tech (1/2)**

#### Challenge

#### **Technology**

#### **Benefit**



People who are blind Recognition, language need access to text & Web-based information

understanding and synthesis for web browsing, & transactions; ebook interactions; TV access Access to education, work Privacy



can't use regular maps, smart phones; GPS devices, can't read product info

People with low vision Spoken dialog for local search, navigation, messaging

> Bar code readers + speech for shopping

Easier access to info and travel Inexpensive or free



# iWalk - Walking Direction for Low Vision People





# **Assistive Services and Speech Tech (2/2)**

#### Challenge

#### **Technology**

#### **Benefit**



People who are deaf need help to communicate via phone, watch TV Text-to-speech for dual party relay

Speech recognition for closed captioning

Access to communication



People with mobility impairments can't easily get to the office or school

Office-in-a-box for remote work

Speech recognition

Speech recognition for command+control

Autonomy

